

Subject: RE: Question about No Trespassing signs
From: Chris S Ragsdale <26690@lapd.online>
Date: 02/15/2018 09:23 PM
To: Niki Svara <niki@thewestwoodvillage.com>

As long as the business owner is in control of that specific parcel/store front. If the property in question has multiple businesses on the property, similar to a strip mall, the authorizing person should be the property owner or property manager acting on behalf of the owner.

From: Niki Svara [mailto:niki@thewestwoodvillage.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 9:05 PM
To: Chris S Ragsdale <26690@lapd.online>
Subject: Re: Question about No Trespassing signs

Hi Chris,

I have another question. Does the property owner or property management have to be the ones to complete the trespass authorization form? Or, can the business owner or business manager complete it?

Thanks,
Niki

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2018, at 8:49 PM, Chris S Ragsdale <26690@lapd.online> wrote:

Neither is required although it wouldn't hurt either. The key factor with this section is that the individual is contacted, warned, and given an opportunity to leave prior to an arrest being made. The warning is valid for 24 hours. After the 24 hours expires, another documented contact and warning is required.

From: Niki Svara [mailto:niki@thewestwoodvillage.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:41 PM
To: Chris S Ragsdale <26690@lapd.online>
Subject: Re: Question about No Trespassing signs

Okay, thank you. And does a copy of the Trespass arrest form also have to be posted in the doorway? Or does a "no trespassing" sign suffice, since the form will be on file?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2018, at 7:34 PM, Chris S Ragsdale <26690@lapd.online> wrote:

Hi Niki,

We must have a valid Trespass Arrest Authorization on file from the property owner or property management in order to enforce the doorways or any other aspect of private property.

The description you mentioned has been the primary use of the form but they are also required for the doorway situation as well. Officers would have to conduct a Field Interview of the subject and document a warning and refusal to leave within 24 hours prior to an arrest being made.

Commercial property open to the general public, L.A.M.C. Section 41.24(d).

() My property is open to the general public between the hours of and . I authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to advise persons pursuant to L.A.M.C. Section 41.24(d) to leave the premises for 24 hours, if the request to leave is rationally related to the services performed or the facilities provided on the property. I further authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to arrest anyone who has been so notified and refuses to leave or returns within 24 hours for a violation of L.A.M.C. Section 41.24(d).

Let me know if you have any other questions.

EMERGENCY: 911

NON-EMERGENCY: 1-877-275-5273

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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:19 PM

To: Chris S Ragsdale <26690@lapd.online>

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Hi Chris,

We are going to be encouraging more businesses to put up "No Trespassing" signs in their doorways. This is specifically to discourage transients from sleeping in doorways. My question is, can the police enforce no trespassing in doorways when the sign is there, without having a trespass arrest authorization form on file? If I understood you correctly before, I think those forms are mostly for vacant buildings and it gives officers permission to enter and enforce the no trespass.

RE: Question about No Trespassing signs

Thanks!

Sincerely,

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